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SUBJ: B.P. KOIRALA HEARINGS CONTINUE; TWO MORE ACQUITTALS

REF: KATHMANDU 0943

1. WHEN B.P. KOIRALA APPEARED BEFORE SPECIAL TRIBUNAL THIS MORNING (FEBRUARY) QPELN JUDGE SAID THAT HMG HAD ORDERED ZONAL COMMISSIONER TO EFFECT RELEASE OF KOIRALA FROM PRISON ON CONDITION THAT HE WOULD APPEAR BEFORE COURT ON ANY DATE FIXED BY COURT. JUDGE THEN SAID HEARINGS WOULD GO ON UNLESS KOIRALA MAKES APPEAL ON MEDICAL GROUNDS AND ASKS COURT TO EXCUSE HIM.

2. SHORTLY AFTERWARDS, KOIRALA TOLD JOURNALISTS WHO HAD GATHERED AT COURT THAT HE WILL MAKE NO REPEAT NO APPEAL FOR RELEASE TO TRAVEL ABROAD, ADDING THAT "IF THEY PERMIT ME ON THEIR OWN, THAT IS ANOTHER THING AND I WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT TO GO ABROAD." HE SAID THAT THERE WAS NO MATERIAL CHANGE IN HIS SITUATION, ONLY THAT HE IS NO LONGER IN PRISON. HE SAID HE WAS THANKFUL TO THE KING FOR HIS SECOND INTERVENTION, BUT HE WAS NOT GOING TO LEAVE NEPAL UNTIL THE HEARINGS ARE FINISHED. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT MORALLY, LEGALLY, AND POLITICALLY IT WAS NOT PROPER FOR HIM TO MAKE A STATEMENT. HE SAID HE DID NOT WANT THAT CONCERN FOR HIS HEALTH SHOULD DILUTE HIS POLITICAL MISSION,
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WHICH IS NATIONAL UNITY. (THIS PARAGRAPH IS BASED ON NOTES OF JOURNALIST PRESENT.)

3. HEARINGS ON TWO MORE CHARGES THEN PROCEEDED. ONE OF KOIRALA'S LAWYERS TOLD DCM AT 5 P.M. THAT JUDGE HAD DELIVERED ACQUITTALS ON BOTH CHARGES, AND THAT B.P. WOULD APPEAR IN COURT AGAIN FEBRUARY 24 (ALONG WITH GANESHMAN SINGH) FOR HEARING ON OKHLADUNGA

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